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	Examiner David S. Blum	Art Unit 2813	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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This action is in response to the response filed 1/10/05.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mayur (US2003/0040130A1).

Mayur teaches all of the positive steps of claims 1-18.

Regarding claim 1, mayor teaches providing a semiconductor (paragraph 0042), implanting a dopant species into the semiconductor (paragraph 0054) and annealing the implanted semiconductor at an ultra high temperature of 1050-1350 degrees C. (paragraph 0007, greater than 1300K (1026 C) and paragraph 0099, surface melting only allowed, thus temperatures around melting temperatures, table II 1423 K (1150 C).

Regarding claim 2, the implant is amorphizing (paragraph 0054).

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Regarding claim 3, the amorphizing implant comprises arsenic or antimony (paragraph 0005).

Regarding claim 4, the ultra high temperature anneal comprises times from 0.5 to 3 milliseconds (paragraph 0007 less than 50 milliseconds, paragraph 0009, less than 100 nanoseconds (0.0001 milliseconds)).

Regarding claim 5, Mayur teaches providing a semiconductor (paragraph 0042), a patterned photoresist layer (paragraph 0051), implanting a dopant species into semiconductor (paragraph 0054), removing the photoresist (figure 2C shows patterned photoresist removed), and annealing with a solid phase epitaxy anneal (paragraph 0043, epitaxial, paragraph 0084, solid phase and paragraph 0047, conventional anneal). Although Mayur does not recite "solid phase epitaxy anneal, this is inferred from the process (same as the instant application) and that it is a solid phase anneal resulting in an epitaxial layer.) The anneal is at an ultra high temperature of 1050-1350 degrees C. (paragraph 0007, greater than 1300K (1026 C) and paragraph 0099, surface melting only allowed, thus temperatures around melting temperatures, table II 1423 K (1150 C).

Regarding claim 6, the ultra high temperature anneal comprises times from 0.5 to 3 milliseconds (paragraph 0007 less than 50 milliseconds, paragraph 0009, less than 100 nanoseconds (0.0001 milliseconds)).

Regarding claim 7, the implant is amorphizing (paragraph 0054).

Regarding claim 8, the amorphizing implant comprises arsenic or antimony (paragraph 0005).

Regarding claim 9, Mayur teaches providing a semiconductor substrate (paragraph 0042), a gate dielectric layer (insulator 208), a gate electrode (210) on the gate dielectric, implanting dopant species into the semiconductor adjacent the gate electrodes (paragraph 0053), annealing the implanted semiconductor with solid phase epitaxy anneal between 550 and 950 C (paragraph 0047, diffusing dopants between 800-1100 C), and annealing at an ultra high temperature of 1050-1350 degrees C. (paragraph 0007, greater than 1300K (1026 C) and paragraph 0099, surface melting only allowed, thus temperatures around melting temperatures, table II 1423 K (1150 C).

Regarding claim 10, the ultra high temperature anneal comprises times from 0.5 to 3 milliseconds (paragraph 0007 less than 50 milliseconds, paragraph 0009, less than 100 nanoseconds (0.0001 milliseconds).

Regarding claim 11, the amorphizing implant is preformed prior to the dopant implant (paragraph 0054).

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Regarding claim 12, the amorphizing implant comprises arsenic or antimony (paragraph 0005).

Regarding claim 13, Mayur teaches forming a MOSFET transistor (paragraph 0006), providing a semiconductor substrate (paragraph 0042), a gate dielectric layer (insulator 208), a gate electrode (210) on the gate dielectric, implanting dopant species into the semiconductor adjacent the gate electrodes (paragraph 0053), implanting with gate sidewalls (as shown in figure 2F), annealing the implanted semiconductor with solid phase epitaxy anneal between 550 and 950 C (paragraph 0047, diffusing dopants between 800-1100 C), and annealing at an ultra high temperature of 1050-1350 degrees C. (paragraph 0007, greater than 1300K (1026 C) and paragraph 0099, surface melting only allowed, thus temperatures around melting temperatures, table II 1423 K (1150 C).

Regarding claim 14, the ultra high temperature anneal comprises times from 0.5 to 3 milliseconds (paragraph 0007 less than 50 milliseconds, paragraph 0009, less than 100 nanoseconds (0.0001 milliseconds).

Regarding claim 15, the amorphizing implant is preformed prior to the first dopant implant (paragraph 0054).

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Regarding claims 16 and 17, the amorphizing implant (amorphous implant) is preformed prior to the second dopant implant (paragraph 0054, amorphizing implant performed prior to well implant and source/drain implant, two different species).

Regarding claim 18, the amorphizing implant comprises arsenic or antimony (paragraph 0005).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 1/10/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicant argues that Mayur does not teach the annealing temperature range of 1050-1350 degrees C. However, Mayur teaches annealing at a temperature greater than 1300 K (1026 degrees C.). the examiner finds that a teaching of a temperature above 1026 C., suggests a temperature of at least 1050 C., thus teaching at least one temperature within the range. Clearly, there is an overlap of range and thus a prima facie case of obviousness exists (MPEP 2131.03, 2144.05). Further, table II teaches an annealing temperature of 1423 K (1150 C.) clearly within the claimed range.

The applicant argues that all of the independent and dependent claims are allowable for the argument stated above. The examiner disagrees for the response above.

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David S. Blum whose telephone number is (571)-272-1687) and e-mail address is David.blum@USPTO.gov .

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Whitehead Jr., can be reached at (571)-272-1702. Our facsimile number all patent correspondence to be entered into an application is (703) 872-9306. The facsimile number for customer service is (703)-872-9317.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. S. Blum", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David S. Blum

March 22, 2005